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LB 401, 425, 500, 614

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...then I'm going to deal with the rest of the Legislature as I think I should...or the session.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam...Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, items for the record, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, a communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read re LB 401.) Senator Pahls, an amendment to LB 614, to be printed; Senator Raikes, LB 425; Senator Don Pederson, LB 425. And Senator Schimek, a motion to LB 614. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1461-1469.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. On with discussion of the motion to recommit. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President. I yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have about five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Be still my beating...if I had a heart. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, believe it or not--and it may be easier not to believe it than to believe it--I am looking at the Legislature as an institution, and I'm looking at our process. Yesterday, Senator Landis was handling a bill that he knew I didn't like. I viewed that bill differently from the way I view this one. I'm not sure this has enough votes for cloture. But even if it did, I would still fight it, because it is not good policy, and the bill itself is not fair in its operation and in its impact on existing businesses. I have not become what might be called a pro-business advocate. When I use the term "fair" in this context, I mean you have created an unequal contest. You are giving the bully an additional advantage. And that is not what